



Ten Days Only

## Our January Clearing Sale Always Makes Good

Another Huge Success to tally up. Saturday, January 18th, we open our doors on the "Great January Clearing Sale." This Clearing Sale affects the entire stock of Dry Goods, Clothing, Shoes, Underwear, Millinery, Furnishings, and Staple Goods.:-: :-:

Cotton Goods at Mill Prices.  
Clearing of notions.  
Fashionable Millinery at Wholesale and Less.  
Women's and Misses' coats at sensational prices.

Women's separate skirts almost given away.  
Men's high quality clothing overcoats, trousers way below real worth; consider this fact well.

### Boy's Clothing Clearing

Suits, Overcoats, and Trousers all reduced regardless of actual value.  
Such swift selling—such a slump in prices, never before witnessed.

### A Grand Upheaval of Values and Dowfall of Prices.

### A Stirring Sale of Linens

Laces, Embroideries and trimmings, at surprising prices.  
Blankets, comforts, sheets, lap robes, here is your opportunity and it will pay you to buy them at the prices.

**REMEMBER** the goods on sale are our regular, dependable stock, thoroughly reliable in every way or we will give your money back. We solicit comparison of prices and qualities. The test tells and we add another feather to our bonnet. COME! and you'll receive a hearty welcome and will have the greatest opportunity for genuine bargains in the history of the country. Yours With The Best Values.

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## Caledonia Department

By J. D. THIXON

The weather—oh, what a debt of gratitude we owe it! How often has it kept the thread of conversation from snapping as under; how often has it carried the bashful lover over the dangerous chasm of painful, embarrassing silence; how often has it come to the aid of the man or woman who could think of nothing else to talk about!

The weather, like the poor, we always have with us. Nor do we ever forget about it, for it is constantly reminding us of its presence. Unlike the laws of the Medes and Persians, it changes often—sometimes as often in a day as the politician changes his views, or the summer girl her dress. Again it settles down to one variety only. Will you pardon me if I remark just here that the prevailing style of weather this winter ought to be run through a clothes-wringer? It rains constantly and drizzles between showers. It is all you can do to keep from getting mildewed. The common dirt road is a bottomless pit, and—well, the weather is a great blessing to the grumbler. Hot or cold, wet or dry, it furnishes him something to fuss about.

There is probably more weather crowded into a year in Mississippi than in any other state in the Union. The Government Weather Bureau speaks with confidence in each of the other 45 states; but when it gets to Mississippi, it begins to wobble, and the predictions are (or ought to be) something like this: "It will clear off cloudy tonight and will be very warm for the time of year if it does not frost. Tomorrow it will change. Will probably dry up wet with northeast to southwest winds varying to eastward and southward and westward. Probable areas of rain, snow, hail and drouth, succeeded, or preceded, by earthquakes, thunder and lightning, sleet, and simoons."

Somebody has said that man was born to respire, aspire, perspire and expire. The weather has a great deal to do with all of these. When it is hot he aspires but little and perspires much; he respire when he can and expires when he has to. Some people's faces are like the silvery line in the thermometer—get longer as the weather gets hotter (or wetter).

In Mississippi every winter is the coldest and every summer is the hottest within the memory of "the oldest inhabitant." It always was and always will be thus, records of the weather bureau notwithstanding. So, of course, this is the wettest and muddiest. So be it. We are not praying for rain in Caledonia just now.

On January 3, Mr. Rush West, of the Flint Hill neighborhood, had the misfortune to lose his smoke-house by fire, and in it all his meat and lard, many tools, and some hay and fodder burned.

Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Loftis visited at the home of W. D. Stephenson last week.

Miss Margie Simmons is back in school after a week's absence.

Our postoffice was moved last week and will soon be comfortably arranged in the rear of Mr. Lawrence's store.

Messrs. A. M. Sharpe, and Miss Aurie Kidd came up out of Egypt last week and are again in school. They drove 30 miles in a four-horse wagon with the mud in many places hub deep. Their grandfather, Mr. Williams, brought them.

T. W. Rye and wife passed through Caledonia last Saturday. Mr. Rye has sold his store and home place to his brother Frank and has moved to his farm across the river. He is nearer to us now and will give more attention to his telephone system.

Mrs. N. E. Groves is home after a visit with her son, Dallas, in Columbus.

Mr. Floyd Egger, who is in business in Aberdeen, was married in St. Louis the first of this month to Miss King. Mr. Egger is a son of Mrs. Bettie Egger of this place, and a worthy young man.

Through the kindness of Mr. Lee Myers, Assistant P. M., our High School now has daily reports of this "lawful" weather. We notice that Saturday and Sunday weather is not governed by any fixed law, but seems to be made by an apprentice in the department who is experimenting—getting up new designs.

Last Wednesday, Mr. Sam Egger departed for Oklahoma, where he goes to seek employment. Sam is

honest, energetic and an excellent business man. We hope he may find a good place at a good salary. He deserves it. Mr. Irvin Thomas accompanied him. Irvin goes to see the country only and will return in a short time.

Dr. N. B. Wood is giving almost his entire attention now to his specialties, diseases of ear, eye, throat and nose.

Mr. Dan Gaston is visiting his brother, W. H. Gaston.

Mr. J. M. Brock, who farmed on Mrs. Sue Groves' land last year, has lately moved to his own farm near Columbus.

Our efficient Supervisor, P. J. Usery, passed through town last week, going to inspect the iron bridge across the Buttahatchie.

We are glad to report Mrs. Henry Barrentine, who has been sick for several weeks, much improved in health.

Mr. Luther Wright and family have gone to Oklahoma to make the new state their future home. Mrs. Wright is a daughter of Mr. Sam Caldwell.

Mr. A. M. Lawrence will supersede the late A. L. Myers in the fertilizer business here. He will handle all of the standard brands of commercial fertilizers. Place your orders early so that you may get just what you want for spring planting.

While there seems to be, generally, nothing serious, we note quite a number of cases of sickness. We will mention: Mr. Jeff J. Andrews, who is now up and at work. Master Fred Darnell has been out of school on account of sickness; Dr. E. M. Jamieson; Mr. T. W. Morris, who had his ankle hurt; a child of Mr. W. J. Lowe has been too sick for the family to move to Columbus, but is better; Mr. H. J. Egger; and "Uncle Bob" Harris, south of town, who has been in poor health all winter.

Mr. W. H. Kolb, from near Aberdeen, and his brother of Arkansas, visited the family of Mr. George and "Aunt Mary" Myers last Sunday.

Rev. J. A. Ellis, pastor of the Union Presbyterian church, was greeted by a very small congregation last Sunday on account of the inclemency of the weather. Bro. Ellis is a most excellent gentleman, and he always has something good to say, and generally an audience to hear him. This time the rain kept his own members in doors.

A word to my farmer friends:

This is the time of the year when the 3-cent man shoulders a 15-cent gun, and, in company with a setter pup, comes across your plantation killing 10-dollar birds—unless you are protected by the magic word "Posted." Let us talk business just a minute. The scientist has calculated, and accurately, too, that from Sept. 1st, to April 30th, annually, in the state of Virginia alone, the total consumption of weed-seed by the quail or Bob White, amounts to 372 tons!

This one bird, for example, (many others are equal to it) destroys the Mexican cotton-boll weevil—which is coming your way—that damages the cotton crop more than \$15,000,000 a year; the potato-beetle, which eats off \$10,000,000 from the value of the potato crop; the cotton-worms, which have been known to cause \$20,000,000 loss in a year; the chinch bug (they are the only birds that eat it) and the Rocky Mountain Locust (you call him "grasshopper"), scourges which leave desolation in their path, and have caused loss to the extent of \$100,000,000 in some years.

Do you not think that it is the height of folly for a farmer to allow these useful and necessary protectors of his farm, orchard, and grove to be ruthlessly destroyed? Every quail and dove killed, in fact, every insect-eating or seed-eating bird, is so much deducted from the general prosperity of the community. If you are so unmindful of your own interests as to allow this "slaughter of the innocents" on your own land, then the state had better do as my native state was compelled to do: protect the farmer by protecting the birds. There the law allows only four birds killed: viz. the owl, hawk, crow, and English sparrow. And ladies are not allowed to wear dead birds on their hats.

From "The Cumberland Presbyterian" of Jan 9th, we quote: "The Newman (Illinois) church is at high tide. The new pastor, Rev. B. F. Lawrence, is preaching most able sermons to good congregations. There have been 16 additions to the church by letter and profession recently."

Rev. Lawrence is a brother of our genial townsman, Mr. L. B. Lawrence. He has many relatives and a host of friends here.

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### Real Estate Offerings.

Did it ever occur to you that while times are dull and money hard to get is a good time to buy anything—especially real estate. There are bargains offered there that are not thought of when money is plentiful and every one is trading. Such are the bargains we are offering now, and if you don't buy at once you will miss these opportunities. Here are some of them, for instance:

A quarter of a square right in the heart of the best section of the city. This property contains two good buildings which can be made to pay a reasonable interest on the whole and in a few years it will pay for double its present value. This bargain can be bought for \$1,500 if taken at once.

The Joseph Lee house, on the northwest corner of the Court House square. This house is a substantial brick structure, contains eight rooms, and is admirably located for a boarding house. The owner has moved to Texas and is anxious to close the property out at once. It is rented to a reliable tenant, and the purchaser can continue the rent or secure possession within thirty days. Inquire into this and do not let it pass you, for it is offered at a bargain.

A very desirable building lot in a good neighborhood midway between the M. & O. depot and the business section of the city. This lot can be bought for \$1,000 and it is well worth the money.

We can arrange time and liberal terms on this property and will be glad to give prospective purchaser further details and full information relative to same. For further particulars write, phone or apply to

**The Maer Realty Co.,**  
Columbus, Miss.

### For Rent.

House, close in; all conveniences. Apply to Maer Realty Co. 1-1-17  
Maer Realty Co.

### Money to Loan.

We have a thousand dollars which we can lend upon improved city realty at eight per cent.

Suite of 4 rooms and kitchen, close in, for rent; price \$15 a month. Apply to  
**Maer Realty Co.**

### Amendment No. 13.

An Ordinance to amend an Amendment approved March 21st, 1905, entitled an Amendment approved November 13, 1904, to Section Twenty (20) of the Charter of the City of Columbus, Lowndes County, Mississippi, approved March 31st, 1904, in reference to the Salary of the Secretary and Treasurer of said City.

Be it ordained by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Columbus, that the Amendment approved March 21st, 1905, to Section Twenty (20) of the Charter of the City of Columbus, Lowndes County, Mississippi, approved March 31st, 1904, be and the same is hereby amended so as to read as follows:

Section 20. Be it further ordained that there shall be elected or appointed by said Mayor and City Council some suitable person, who shall be Secretary and Treasurer of said City, also a City Marshal, who shall be City Inspector of Provisions, Weights and Measures, a Street Commissioner, a sufficient number of Police to preserve the peace, keep good order, and enforce the Ordinances of said City. The Mayor and City Council may appoint any other officers deemed by them necessary for the Public Welfare, and said Council shall have power to remove from office at their pleasure any officer appointed or elected by them, and they shall prescribe the duties of such officers, except as fixed by this act, and fix their compensation and change the same as they see fit. Provided, the City Marshal shall not receive more than Nine Hundred Dollars per annum, nor the Secretary and Treasurer more than Six Hundred Dollars per annum. They may also receive any and all officers elected or appointed by them to enter into bond with security in such sums and with such sureties as their may designate, which bonds shall be payable to the City of Columbus, and shall be recorded in the office of the City Clerk of Lowndes County, after approval by said Council, and said Mayor and City Council shall have authority to bring suit on any such bonds, for breach thereof, in any court of competent jurisdiction.

All officers of said City shall take the oath of office provided by the Constitution of this State. Said Mayor and City Council shall annually receive a sufficient number of regular and temporary assistants in their respective offices, who shall take an oath to weigh all claims and entries lawfully made which they may be called on to weigh, faithfully and impartially, and upon oath bound with oaths to be approved by said Mayor and City Council in the penal sum of Five Hundred Dollars, conditioned for the faithful discharge of their duties, and they shall pay for each dollar the sum of Two Dollars and Fifty Cents per annum, which bonds shall be payable in other bonds provided for in this section, and said City Council, in the name of said Mayor and City Council, may hire, pay, and employ any person, and any person so employed shall be allowed no other pay for any service he may render as a Public Watchman.

Be it further ordained that this ordinance take effect and be in force from and after its approval. Approved January 10th, 1905.  
J. H. Stokes, Mayor and Treasurer.

### It Interested

If interested, suppose you would like to see a picture of the thirty-one place breakfast set which we are offering for ten newspapers or ten new subscriptions. This illustration is done in colors and is an exact reproduction of the kind and number of pieces in the set, while it shows the character of the decorations and gives you a good idea of the value and beauty of the position.

Already quite a number of the subscribers to this paper have called in the contest to secure one of the valuable, useful and beautiful premiums and if you are not one of those it will pay you to enter the work. A few hours' work will give you one of these premiums and there is no uncertainty about it. Yet are assured of it just as soon as you get the required number of subscriptions—ten. Address all communications to Premium Department, Dispatch, Columbus, Miss.

### A Word.

I wish to state to my friends in Columbus and the surrounding country that on account of the fact that Dr. E. F. Brownlow, with whom I have been associated for the past six years, has retired from business, I have formed a partnership with my brother, Mr. E. J. Chardy, and we have opened a store on North Fourth avenue, near the Southern round house, where we will keep on hand a large stock of dry goods, groceries, country produce, feed stuff, etc., and will be glad to serve our friends who in need of any thing in our line. Thanking the public for past favors, and soliciting on behalf of my brother and myself a liberal patronage, I am, respectfully,  
G. C. Chardy.

### Cottage Wanted.

We have one or two applicants for houses for the 1st of January and if you have a cottage for rent, please let us see it. We desire especially a well-kept cottage, close to, with all improvements and we have a good tenant for the same.

Maer Realty Company.

### Outs For Sale.

450 bushels of Best Proof Oats. Apply to J. F. Wright, Columbus, Miss. 1-13-05